

571—30.53(455A,461A,462A) Program descriptions.

30.53(1) *Water trails development program.* The department will provide funds to cities, counties and nonprofit organizations in the state of Iowa to develop water trails eligible for designation throughout the state. The goal of the water trails development program is to assist and encourage the development of community-driven water trails that provide features described herein and appropriate river management through the design and spacing of accesses. At the same time, the program shall discourage unnecessary impacts to natural resources through construction. Water trails development program projects may be eligible to become designated water trails, as determined by the department, and may be eligible for inclusion in the department's marketing materials.

30.53(2) *Low-head dam public hazard program.* The department will provide funds to dam owners, including counties, cities, state agencies, cooperatives, and individuals, within Iowa to undertake projects that warn the general public about drowning hazards related to low-head dams or that remove or otherwise modify low-head dams to create a safer experience on Iowa's navigable waters. Low-head dam removal and modification projects, when possible, shall enhance or restore ecological and recreational functions of rivers, including but not limited to fish passage, aquatic habitat, and navigation.